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SUBJECT: BARBADOS AND GRENADA MILITARY TRAINING

REF: A) STATE 166382 B) SANTIAGO 4648 C) BRIDGETOWN 0924

1. NEITHER BARBADOS NOR GRENADA HAVE MILITARY SCHOOLS
OR TRAINING CENTERS. THERE ARE NOT PLANS TO ESTABLISH ANY SUCH
SCHOOL ON EITHER ISLAND.

2. BOTH BARBADOS AND GRENADA HAVE PRIMARILY VOLUNTEER
AND LARGELY CEREMONIAL REGIMENTS. THERE IS LITTLE FORMAL
TRAINING INVOLVED, EITHER ON THE ISLANDS OR ELSEWHERE. AS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HOWEVER, GRENADA HAS HAD TWO MEMBERS OF ITS
DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING IN CHILE (REF B). SEVERAL MEMBERS OF
THE BARBADOS REGIMENT HAVE SERVED IN THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES,
THOUGH NOT AS THE RESULT OF A FORMAL BARBADOS-UK EXCHANGE
PROGRAM. WITH PLANS TO EVENTUALLY EXPAND AND UPGRADE ITS
REGIMENT INTO A DEFENCE FORCE (REF C), BARBADOS HAS REQUESTED
ADDITIONAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE FROM THE UK AND US. NONE HAS
YET BEEN APPROVED.

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